

**REMARKS**


Claims 3-12, 15-20, and 23 are pending. Claims 1-2, 13-14, and 21-22 have been cancelled, and claims 3, 5, 9, 15, 17, 19-20 and 23 have been amended.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 10-12 and indicating that claims 3-4, 15-16, 20, and 23 would be allowable if rewritten to include the language of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has so amended the claims. In addition, applicant has amended the remaining pending claims to depend from these allowable claims. As such, all the pending claims are allowable.

Based on the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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